

trolled cutter 22 can determine the length and the speed of the extrudate 15 thereby to move and properly and cut the extrudate into desired lengths. Once the blade of the cutter has cut through the extrudate 21, the blade is raised above the level of the extrudate 21 so that the extrudate can continue along the extrusion line. In various embodiments, the speed at which the extrudate is extruded can range from about 5 to about 40 feet per minute, and more particularly from about 8 to about 20 feet per minute. The variations in the rate at which the extrudate is extruded can vary by about 1 to 2 feet per minute. Advantageously, the present teachings allow for cutting of the extrudate without deforming the extrudate when the rate varies by 1 to 2 feet per minute.

Remarks:

The undersigned does not believe any fees are due in connection with this amendment. However, any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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